

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Made Money in Missouri.

That insurance companies of all kinds doing business in Missouri were way ahead of the game, so far at least as this state is concerned last year, is indicated from the figures found in the office of State Superintendent of Insurance W. D. Vandiver. These figures show that the total premiums paid by citizens of Missouri during the year 1905 for all kinds of insurance reached the enormous total of \$30,536,302.85. The difference in favor of the companies figured up the nice profit of \$17,601,603.85. Of the total paid by policyholders, \$15,268,222.41 was for life insurance and \$8,525,730.69 was for fire insurance, the remainder being for insurance of a miscellaneous character. There are 378 insurance companies, embracing all classes of companies, doing business in this state. Amount of premiums returned by fire and marine mutual fire, miscellaneous stock, regular life and stipulated premium life insurance, \$24,572,752.21. Taxes levied thereon by state insurance department, \$494,153.36.

New Prison Hospital.

The state board of prison inspectors, Gov. Folk and Warden Hall, held a meeting recently to examine and discuss plans for a new hospital for the prison. The last general assembly appropriated the sum of \$50,000 for such a building and it is the warden's intention to have it completed by the close of the year. Plans were drawn by Architects Miller & Opel, of Jefferson City, and these formed the basis of the discussion. Warden Hall stated that the new building would be an enlargement and modernization of the old hospital building, which has done service for more than half a century. It is now entirely out of date and much too small for the demands of the prison. The new hospital will be up to date and modern in every particular.

Had Her Assessment Raised.

Last year the assessors engaged in listing property in Jefferson City encountered a woman, the owner of a fine house and lot, who protested that they had under-valued her holding and had thereby done her an injury. She said that they had assessed it several hundred dollars under the price she was asking for it and insisted that they list it for the price she had placed it on the market. They tried to explain to her the rule in vogue in Missouri of valuing property for taxation at so much per cent of its real value, but finally yielded to her desire to have her property assessed at its full value. Recently one of the assessors met the lady on the street and she was complaining loudly of the increased taxes she had to pay.

Convention of Opticians.

The Missouri and Kansas Association of Opticians closed its annual session with a banquet at the Midland hotel, Kansas City, given by the wholesale jewelers and opticians of that city. More than 300 persons attended. At the separate business sessions of both the Missouri and Kansas associations, each association voted to affiliate with the National Association of Opticians and to invite that association to meet with the Missouri and Kansas convention in Kansas City next year. The Missouri association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—M. E. Schmidt, Boonville. Vice President—C. E. Ronge, Trenton. Secretary—Elmer Schmidt, Washington.

Fashions in Crops Change.

Walter Williams points out how the fashions in Missouri crops have changed. The time was when in central Missouri the great crops were tobacco, flax and hemp. Where Bruce-ton, in Cooper county now stands was once a great tobacco field. Great log tobacco barns were scattered about. Tobacco was hauled to the river and shipped by boat. Rope factories were to be found at Boonville, Miami and other points. Old residents can recall breaking hemp and working it with a sort of rake called a hackle. Now these old-fashioned crops have passed out entirely and the parvenu alfalfa, clover, cowpeas and soy-beans hold sway.

After the Corporations.

Recently the prosecuting attorney filed suits against a number of corporations at Joplin, charging failure to secure state licenses and other infractions of the Missouri laws governing such concerns. In the circuit court the following were fined \$3,000 each: Troup Mining Company, Joplin Safe and Scale company, Commonwealth Zinc company, Beacon Hill Zinc and Mining company and the New Portland Mining Company.

The Moberly Log Rolling.

The first log rolling of the North-east Missouri Log Rolling association will be held at Moberly September 11.

BOY'S HEAD ONE SOLID SORE.

Hair All Came Out—Under Doctor Three Months and No Better—Cuticura Remedies Works Wonders.

Mr. A. C. Barnett, proprietor of a general store in Avar, Oklahoma, tells in the following grateful letter how Cuticura cured his son of a terrible eczema. "My little boy had eczema. His head was one solid sore, and he suffered very much. I had a physician treat him, but at the end of three months he was no better. I remembered that the Cuticura Remedies had cured me, and after giving him two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent, according to directions, and using Cuticura Soap and Ointment on him daily, his eczema left him, his hair grew again, and he has never had any eczema since. We use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and they keep our skin soft and healthy. I cheerfully recommend the Cuticura Remedies for all cases of eczema. A. C. Barnett, Mar. 30, 1905."

PHONETIC PHENOMENON.

How the "O" Came to Be Left Out in the Modernized Spelling of "Phenix."

They were talking about spelling reform and the idiosyncrasies of English spelling in general, relates Success Magazine. "There's that very word 'phonetic,' said one of the men; 'that's a sample of English spelling. The reformers call their system the 'phonetic system,' and yet they have to spell 'phonetic' with a 'pho' in order to let people know what they mean. The very word that means 'spelled as pronounced' is as far from it as possible."

"Now, now!" drawled his friend, "you're too hard on the good old English speller. You ought to be proud of 'phonetic.' Why, that word is so trimmed down, and sawed off, and cut short, that I wouldn't know it was English if I met it alone on a blank page. You ought to thank the language for the word. It is a beautiful word. That 'pho' might have been spelled like 'dough' and the 'net' like 'ette' in 'rosette,' and the 'ic' like the 'liq' in 'liquor.' That would be a good old-style English word—pho-nette-lic. But it is coming! Phonetic spelling is coming! Look at that word 'phenix.' It is spelled 'phenix' everywhere now, and I remember it always used to be 'phenix.' The 'o' has gone. That shows."

"Nothing!" said the objector. "What does it show? That the phenix is a bird. Isn't the phenix a bird?—Yes! Well, that round thing you say was an 'o' was an egg. That's all. 'Twas just an egg, and the phenix laid the egg. That's all."

Each to His Taste.

"Did you see where the chaplain general of that aristocratic patriotic society prayed for all those who have not the same ancestry as themselves?"

"Well, that's a matter of taste. Maybe some people have their own reasons for accepting the Darwinian theory, but Adam and Eve are good enough for me."—Baltimore American.

One on the Doctors.

The Boston Herald tells a story of a physician of Salem, Mass., who, talking to a group of friends, said: "I wanted to be a soldier, but my parents persuaded me to study medicine."

"Oh, well," rejoined one of the party, "such is life. Many a man with wholesale aspirations has to content himself with a retail business."

One Kind of Investigation.

"You are taking a great deal of interest in this investigation."

"Yes," answered the statesman. "I have to give it close personal attention. I want to make sure it doesn't develop anything I don't care to have known!"—Washington Star.

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WASTED TO A SHADOW.

But Found a Cure After Fifteen Years of Suffering.

A. H. Stotts, messenger at the State Capitol, Columbus, O., says:

"For fifteen years I had kidney troubles, and though I doctored faithfully, could not find a cure. I had heavy backaches, dizzy headaches and terrible urinary disorders. One day I collapsed, fell insensible on the sidewalk, and then wasted away in bed for ten weeks. After being given up, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. In a couple of months I regained my old health, and now weigh 188 pounds. Twelve boxes did it, and I have been well two years."

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No one is himself when his nerve centers are exhausted, whether from excessive use or from lack of proper food. The quality of one's thought, ambition, energy, aims and ideals, is largely a matter of health.—Success Magazine.

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